MORNING SESSION. The Grange was called to order at 9:30 A. M.—Mr. Woodman, of Michigan, overseer, in the chair, the Master being still detained from his seat by sickness.

The following Committee on dormant. I transcent

mant Granges was appointed: Messrs. Lipscomb, Kelly, Waire, and Sima

Various changes were made in the standing committees.
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Mr. Chase, from the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, reported adversely to the petition from Maryland State Grange to strike out the word "minimum" in the constitution, making the price of admission absolute instead of discretionary with the Grange. The Grange unanimously concurred in the report. They also reported adversely to the change of membership in the State Grange by giving two delegates to each subordinate grange—one the Master, the other his wife, if he is married and she a member; if not, some matron in the Grange. After a good deal of discussion the matter was recommitted to the committe, with instructions to prepare an amendment to the constitution in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

The committee also reported a bill allowing all subordinate Granges to fix the monthly dues of their members. As this would have been the effect of amending the constitution, it required a two-thirds vote to adopt it. Upon a vote there was a large majority opposed to it, and it was rejected.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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The Executive Committee presented the report of the secretary. From it we learn that there were sixty-nine new Granges formed during the year ending the 30th of September, 1878. The remainder of the report relates mainly to the finances; which, as it all passed through the hands of the treasurer and was reported by him and published by us on Thursday, we now omit.

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The resignation of O. H. Kelley, presented and laid on the table until to-day, was taken up and accepted.

Mr. Kelley was one of the founders of the order, and has always been its constant advocate and supporter. He has ever since its organization filled the office of Secretary, and resigns because of the claims of his private business.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Grange was called to order at

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The deaths of Thomas Rowland Allen, Past Master of the Missouri State Grange, and Mrs. Maxwell, wife of Past Master Maxwell, of Tennessee, were announced, and a committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions.

Dr. Blanton read a telegram from Colonel Lamb, stating that he had arranged for the Grange to go to Norfolk on Tuesday night next, spend Wednesday with Churchland Grange and return to Richmond that night. The action of Thursday fixing next Thursday for the visit was reconsidered, and the arrangement as prepared by Colonel Lamb acquiesced in.

The salary of the secretary for the next year was fixed at \$800, with \$200 for office rent and necessary traveling expenses.

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The Grange then took up the special order, being the election of a secretary to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. O. H. Kelley. It is the custom of this body not to allow nominations to be made, but each member votes for whom he or she may prefer. The ballot-box is placed on the secretary's desk, and the roll of States called, the delegates from each coming forward and depositing their ballots. On the first ballot there was no choice, and a second vote ordered, with the same result. A third was ordered, at which Mr. William M. Ireland, of Washington City, was elected. The new secretary was then duly installed in his office.

Very great labor has been imposed on the several committees by reason of the large number of resolutions. &c., referred to them, of which there were a large number so referred at this session. Amongst these was one regarding quarantine, and a number of others asking for changes in constitution and by-laws. Under this stitution and by-laws. Under this head Dr. Blanton, of this State, of-fered resolutions asking for an appeal to Congress, asking for a reduction of the present unjust and onerous tax on tobacco.

The question of "How can the Grange be made more useful?" was made the special order for this morning. Very much routine business was done, and the Grange will be

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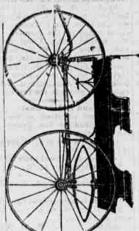
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